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DEFENSE FOR UNDER SECRETARY DR&E PERRY AND HON DONALD
COTTER, ATOMIC ENERGY AND GARGER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
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SUBJECT: SENIOR UK MOD APPOINTMENTS

1. MOD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER,
WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENS
HAS APPROVED TWO SENIOR APPOINTMENTS INVOLVING THE
DIRECTORSHIP OF THE ATOMIC WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISH-
MENT (AWRE) AND THE DEPUTY CONTROLLER R&D
ESTABLISHMENTS AND RESEARCH B AND CHIEF SCIENTIST (ARMY)
2. MR. W. J. CHALLENGS, DIRECTOR OF AWRE IS RETIRING
AND WILL BE SUCCEDED BY MR. DAVID CARDWELL, CB, WHOSE
APPOINTMENT IS EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 1978.

3. CARDWELL, BORN IN 1920 WAS EDUCATED AT DULWICH
COLLEGE AND IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON UNIVERSITY. HE
GRADUATED WITH A FIRST CLASS HONORS DEGREE IN
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

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4. IN 1976 CARDWELL WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY
AND APPOINTED CHIEF SCIENTIST (ARMY) AND DEPUTY
CONTROLLER R&D ESTABLISHMENTS AND RESEARCH B IN MOD.
HE IS ALSO DIRECTOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE
BOARD OF THE ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORIES.

5. FROM 1971 TO 1976 CARDWELL LED THE MILITARY VEHICLE

AND ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT. FROM 1956 ONWARDS CARDWELL HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE RESEARCH, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF TANKS AND FIGHTING VEHICLES INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON EFFECTS. HE ATTENDED THE 1965 COURSE OF THE IMPERIAL DEFENSE COLLEGE.

6. MR. IAN HENDERSON JOHNSTON SUCCEEDS CARDWELL, EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE, AS DEPUTY CONTROLLER R&D ESTABLISHMENTS AND RESEARCH B AND CHIEF SCIENTIST (ARMY). JOHNSTON WAS BORN IN 1925, EDUCATED AT GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL, EDINBURGH, AND AT EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY FROM WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 1945 WITH FIRST CLASS HONORS DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

7. IN 1976 JOHNSTON WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY VEHICLES AND ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT, CHERTSEY. IN 1973 HE WAS PROMOTED TO UNDER SECRETARY AND APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL MULTI-ROLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT (MRCA) IN HEADQUARTERS.

8. BETWEEN 1947 AND 1964 JOHNSTON WAS ENGAGED IN RESEARCH AND DESIGN, PERFORMANCE AND TESTING OF GAS TURBINES. IN 1964 HE WAS APPOINTED HEADQUARTERS PROJECT OFFICER TO THE BS1003 RAMJET IN THE SEA DART GUIDED WEAPON AND FOR THE TURBO JET ENGINE FOR THE ANGLO-FRENCH VARIABLE GEOMETRY AIRCRAFT. IN 1966 HE WAS POSTED TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB WHERE HE WAS THE UK MEMBER OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINT US/UK LIFT ENGINE PROJECT OFFICE. HE RETURNED TO THE UK IN 1968.

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